



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 22, 2016

SB 1087 Senator Edwards

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – GARRETT COUNTY – FRIENDSVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Garrett Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10077, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping to the Friendsville Veterans Memorial, located in Garrett County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1088 Harford County Senators

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HARFORD COUNTY – LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES AND REPEALING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS

Repealing specified obsolete provisions relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County; and altering the fees for specified alcoholic beverages licenses and permits in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 22-701 and 22-1304 - repealed, § 22-1312 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1089 Senator Simonaire**INHERITANCE TAX – EXEMPTION – COUSINS**

Providing an exemption from the inheritance tax for property that passes to a cousin of a decedent if the decedent does not have specified surviving relatives.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 7-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1090 Senator Simonaire**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SUN VALLEY PARK PLAYGROUND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and the County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the playground at Sun Valley Park, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1091 Senator Eckardt**WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM – FEE REDUCTION**

Reducing specified application and license fees under the wetlands and waterways program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 5-203.1(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1092 Senator Rosapepe**NURSING FACILITIES – QUALITY ASSESSMENT – MODIFICATION**

Altering the applicability of a specified quality assessment imposed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and specified provisions of law relating to a specified quality assessment, to nursing facilities with 70 or more beds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HG, § 19-310.1 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1093 Senator Astle**PUBLIC HEALTH – CONSTRUCTION OF LAWS GOVERNING MEDICAL CANNABIS – LIABILITY FOR COSTS RESULTING FROM USE**

Providing that specified provisions of law may not be construed to require an employer, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, or specified insurance carriers to pay for or reimburse a person for costs that result from an individual's use of medical cannabis in accordance with specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 13-3314 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1094 Senator Astle**HEALTH – RECOVERY RESIDENCES – CERTIFICATION**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to approve a credentialing entity to develop and administer a certification process for recovery residences; requiring the certification entity to establish specified requirements and processes, conduct a specified inspection, and issue a specified certificate of compliance; providing that a certificate of compliance is valid for 1 year from the date it is issued; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 19-2401 through 19-2404 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1095 Senator Astle**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HAMMOND–HARWOOD HOUSE PRESERVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Hammond–Harwood House Association, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Hammond–Harwood House, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1096 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – INFORMATION REGARDING PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

Altering the circumstances under which the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration is required to provide to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene information relating to individuals who have had their parental rights terminated without consent or who have been identified as responsible for child abuse or neglect that resulted in a criminal conviction; and removing a 5–year time limitation on a specified requirement that the Secretary provide specified birth record information to the Executive Director.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 5-715 and HG, § 4-222 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1097 Senator Mathias, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS**

Altering the definition of a “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include specified regional development councils; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-301 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1098 Senator Klausmeier, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND URBAN PROGRAM AND STEM CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Urban Program and STEM Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1099 Senator Feldman, et al**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – WATKINS MILL ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to undertake all steps necessary to complete the Watkins Mill Road Interchange Project; specifying specified requirements for the Project; requiring the Governor to appropriate a specified amount of funding for the Project; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to submit, on or before December 1 of each year, a report on the status of the Watkins Mill project to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1100 Senator Gladden**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – AGE OF MAJORITY – POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

Providing that an individual who has attained the age of 18 years and is enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit in an institution of postsecondary education has the right to receive support and maintenance from both of the individual's parents until the individual dies, marries, is emancipated, graduates from or is no longer enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit in an institution of postsecondary education, or attains the age of 22 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 1-401 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1101 Senator Gladden**JURORS – QUALIFICATION – PRIOR CONVICTION**

Repealing a requirement that an individual who has been convicted of a specified crime and received a specified sentence be disqualified from jury service; and repealing a requirement that an individual who has specified pending criminal charges be disqualified from jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1102 Senator Manno, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
MONTGOMERY HOSPICE CASEY HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Montgomery Hospice, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Montgomery Hospice Casey House, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1103 Senator Manno, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – UNIVERSITY AND
COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS**

Designating, beginning in calendar year 2016, the last 7 days of August through the first 7 days of September of each year to be tax-free periods during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of specified textbooks purchased by specified individuals; designating, beginning in calendar year 2017, an additional tax-free period during the last 14 days of January for return-to-school textbook shopping in Maryland; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1104 Harford County Senators, et al**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAYS – HEROES HIGHWAY**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate the portion of Maryland Route 924 (Emmorton Road) between its intersections with Maryland Route 24 and Singer Road as Heroes Highway.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1105 Senator Raskin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
PINECREST LOCAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Pinecrest Local Park, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1106 Senator Simonaire, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY – COURTHOUSE
DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program in the circuit courts for Anne Arundel County and Harford County to determine whether to establish a structured, defined, and systematic approach for providing a courthouse dog to a child witness in any circuit court proceeding in the State; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a plan to implement the pilot program; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish standards for participants in the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1107 Senator Manno, et al**BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED
MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” to extend a specified period of time from a specified date that an active business may claim the biotechnology tax credit; and applying the Act to initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TG, § 10-725(a)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1108 Senator Salling, et al**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED WINNINGS**

Specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within 182 days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be deposited into the Education Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-22.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1109 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING – TRANSFER OF SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to administer any community service employment programs delegated to the State under Title V of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; requiring the responsibility for carrying out the Senior Community Service Employment Program to be transferred to the Division on July 1, 2016; requiring that specified appropriations be transferred to the Division on July 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LE, § 11-103 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1110 Senator Feldman**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program; establishing the purpose of the Program is to foster job creation and economic development in the State in a specified manner; requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Program; authorizing a specified small business to apply to the Corporation for a grant under the Program to reimburse specified costs and to match specified funding awards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, §§ 10-4A-01 through 10-4A-09 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules